

# Institute for North East Asian Research (NEAR Center)

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NEAR Center strives to be a center of excellence for North East Asian Studies,  
while actively engaging with postgraduate students and local communities

## Scenes from NEAR

National Institutes for the Humanities (NIHU)  
International Symposium  
“North East Asia: The Embryonic Stage”



International Conference at the Academy of  
Engineering of Mongolia



Field Study  
Harbin University of Commerce



2017  
The First Citizen Researchers' Conference



## Main Activities (2018)

### 1. Gathering and Providing Information

#### ■ Website

Home page: <http://hamada.u-shimane.ac.jp/research/organization/near/>

Search “NEAR Center” on the internet.

#### ■ Periodicals

- “NEAR News” (semiannual newsletter)
- Shimane Journal of “North East Asia Research” (annual peer-reviewed journal)

These can be viewed and downloaded from the website. See “Publication” on the website.

#### ■ Publications

##### Books (all in Japanese)

- 宇野重昭、増田祐司編『北東アジア地域研究序説』2000年3月、国際書院。(Shigeaki Uno and Yuji Masuda (eds.), *North East Asian Regional Studies*. March 2000, Kokusai Shoin.)
- 増田祐司編『21世紀の北東アジアと世界』2001年3月、国際書院。(Yuji Masuda (ed.), *North East Asia and in 21st Century*. March 2001, Kokusai Shoin.)
- 宇野重昭、増田祐司編『21世紀北東アジアの地域発展』2002年3月、日本評論社。(Shigeaki Uno and Yuji Masuda (eds.), *Development of North East Asian Region in the 21st Century*. March 2002, Nihon Hyoronsha.)
- 宇野重昭、増田祐司編『北東アジア世界の形成と展開』2002年3月、日本評論社。(Shigeaki Uno and Yuji Masuda (eds.), *North East Asian World: Its Formation and Development*. March 2002, Nihon Hyoronsha.)
- 宇野重昭編『北東アジア研究と開発研究』2002年6月、国際書院。(Shigeaki Uno (ed.), *Northeast Asian Research and Development Studies*. June 2002, Kokusai Shoin.)
- 宇野重昭編『北東アジアにおける中国と日本』2003年3月、国際書院。(Shigeaki Uno (ed.), *China and Japan in the Context of North East Asia*. March 2003, Kokusai Shoin.)
- 宇野重昭、勝村哲也、今岡日出紀編『海洋資源開発とオーシャン・ガバナンス』2004年3月、国際書院。(Shigeaki Uno, Tetsuya Katsumura and Hideki Imaoka (eds.), *Development of Marine Resources and Ocean Governance: The Environment of the Coastal Regions along the Sea of Japan*. March 2004, Kokusai Shoin.)
- 宇野重昭、鹿錫俊編『中国における共同体の再編と内発的自治の試み』2005年3月、国際書院。(Shigeaki Uno and Xijun Lu (eds.), *Community Rearrangement in China and Attempting to Practice Endogenous Self-Governance: Field Research in Jiangsu Province*. March 2005, Kokusai Shoin.)
- 島根県立大学西周研究会編『西周と日本の近代』2005年3月、ペリカン社。(Research Group on Nishi Amane, the University of Shimane (ed.), *Nishi Amane and Japanese Modernity*. March 2005, Perikansha.)
- 宇野重昭、別枝行夫、福原裕二編『日本・中国からみた朝鮮半島問題』2007年3月、国際書院。(Shigeaki Uno, Yukio Besshi and Yuji Fukuhara (eds.), *Japan and China Struggling with “The Korean Problem”*:

*Reflection in the Eyes of the Two Countries*. March 2007, Kokusai Shoin.)

- ・デービッド・レーン著、溝端佐登史・林裕明・小西豊著訳『国家社会主義の興亡—体制転換の政治経済学—』2007年7月、明石書店。(Japanese Translation of David Lane, *The Rise and Fall of State Socialism*. Satoshi Mizohata, Hiroaki Hayashi, and Yutaka Konishi (Trans.), July 2007, Akashi Shoten.)
- ・宇野重昭、唐燕霞編『転機に立つ日中関係とアメリカ』2008年3月、国際書院。(Shigeaki Uno and Tang Yanxia (eds.), *Japan-China Relations at A Crossroads and the Influence of the U. S.*. March 2008, Kokusai Shoin.)
- ・宇野重昭、小林博編『北東アジアの地域協力の可能性』2009年3月、国際書院。(Shigeaki Uno and Hiroshi Kobayashi (eds.), *The Possibilities of Regional Co-operation among North East Asian Countries*. March 2009, Kokusai Shoin.)
- ・飯田泰三、李曉東編『転形期における中国と日本：その苦悩と展望』2012年10月、国際書院。(Taizo Iida and Li Xiaodong (eds.), *China and Japan in Transformation: Problems and Prospects*. October 2012, Kokusai Shoin)
- ・金日宇・文素然著、井上治監訳、石田徹・木下順子訳『韓国・濟州島と遊牧騎馬文化』2015年1月、明石書店。(Japanese translation of Kim Ilwoo and Mun Soyeon, *Nomadic Horse riding Culture in Jeju Island, South Korea*. Osamu Inoue, Toru Ishida, and Junko Kinoshita (Trans.), January 2015, Akashi Shoten)
- ・飯田泰三編『北東アジアの地域交流——古代から現代、そして未来へ——』2015年6月、国際書院。(Taizo Iida (ed.), *Regional Exchanges in Northeast Asia: From Antiquity to the Present, and toward the Future*. June 2015, Kokusai Shoin)
- ・宇野重昭、江口伸吾、李曉東編『中国式発展の独自性と普遍性—「中国模式」の提起をめぐって—』2016年3月、国際書院。(Shigeaki Uno, Shingo Eguchi, and Li Xiaodong (eds.), *Uniqueness and Universality of Development in Chinese Way – Presentation of Chinese Schematically*, March 2016, Kokusai Shoin)
- ・飯田泰三監修、井上厚史・石田徹訳、朴忠錫『韓国政治思想史』2016年9月、法政大学出版局。(Taizo Iida (ed.), Atsushi Inoue and Toru Ishida (Trans.) *History of Korean Politics*. Chungyang Park. September 2016. Hosei University.
- ・佐藤壮、江口伸吾編『変動期の国際秩序とグローバル・アクター中国—外交・内政・歴史—』2018年3月、国際書院。(Takeshi Sato and Shingo Eguchi (eds.) *International Order and China: Global Actor – Foreign Diplomacy, Domestic Administration, and History*. March 2018, Kokusai Shoin. )

### **A Series of Initiative Learning on North-East Asia**

- ・宇野重昭『北東アジア学創成シリーズ第1巻・北東アジア学への道』2012年11月、国際書院。(Shigeaki Uno, *A Series of Initiative Learning on North-East Asia Volume 1 Searching for Modern History in North-east Asia: Japan and China versus Western World*. November 2012, Kokusai Shoin)
- ・福原裕二『北東アジア学創成シリーズ第2巻・北東アジアと朝鮮半島研究』2015年7月、国際書院。(Yuji Fukuhara, *A Series of Initiative Learning on North-east Asia Volume 2 New Approaches and Perspectives to the Contemporary Korean Peninsula: Its Implication for Northeast Asian Studies*. July 2015, Kokusai Shoin)

The publication of the subsequent volumes (seven volumes in total) in this series is in progress.

### **Working Papers and Symposium Reports** (past three years, all in Japanese)

- Atsushi Inoue (ed.), *New Issues on Regional Cooperation in Northeast Asia*. March 2014. The University of Shimane.
- Atsushi Inoue (ed.) *Report of Development of Social Diplomacy in Modern East Asia*. March 2016. NEAR Center.
- Yuji Fukuhara (ed.) *Role of Mongolia and Possibility of Cooperation of Northeast Asian Countries*. March 2018.

#### ● **Symposia** (past three years)

- *Learning and Practice of China as a Global Actor over International Order*. (March 2016).
- *Challenges Toward the Study in the Area of Northeast Asian Area*. (May 2016, co-hosted with Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, Hokkaido University and National Institutes of the Humanities.)
- *Possibilities of Cooperation among Northeast Asian Countries and the Role of Mongolia*. (September 2017, co-hosted with Research Center of International Relation, The Academy of Engineering of Mongolia, The Social Sciences of North Korea, and National Institutes of the Humanities.)

## **2. Research Activities**

### ■ **National Institutes of the Humanities (NIHU) and Northeast Asia Regional Research Promotion Project**

NEAR Center has been selected as one of the research bases of the Northeast Asia Regional Research Promotion Project promoted by the National Institutes of the Humanities. We have promoted the research themed with *Formation and its Influence of Modern Space in Northeast Asia Region* collaborating with National Institutes of the Humanities. The aim of this research is to clarify dynamics and liquidity of the contact zone in this area, and the historical relationship of the three overlay power, the Qing Dynasty, the Russian Empire, and the Empire of Japan,

#### ● **Symposia**

##### Academic Year 2017

- National Institutes for the Humanities (NIHU). *Northeast Asia Area Studies Project*, University of Shimane NEAR Center Project: *Formation of Modern Spaces and their Impact*. The second International Symposium 2017. *Northeast Asia: The Embryonic Stage*. September 19 – September 20 at Northeast Normal University, NENU, Changchun, China.

##### Academic Year 2016

- National Institutes for the Humanities (NIHU). *Northeast Asia Area Studies Project*, University of Shimane NEAR Center Project *Formation of Modern Spaces and their Impact*. The first International Symposium 2016. *Northeast Asia: The Embryonic Stage*. November 19 – November 20 at the University of Shimane.

- The Academy of Engineering Sh.Marjuani Memorial of Historical Research Center, Tatarskaya Respublika and North East Asian Regional Research Center, the University of Shimane. International Conference (The Academy of Engineering, Tatarskaya Respublika Sh. Marujuani Memorial Historical Research. (August 6).

## Main Project

### **Project on the Foundation of North East Asian Studies**

The aim of this project is to lay the foundation for *North East Asian Studies*. This is pursued through *Seminar on North East Asia*, which is held about six times a year.

### **Research Project on the History of Exchange between Japan and Korean Peninsula**

This project academically analyzes historical and international relations between Japan and South /North Korea from broad perspectives, in order to promote exchanges in North East Asia around and beyond Japan and the Korean Peninsula. Research seminar on *History of Exchange between Japan and Korea* is organized four times a year.

### **Researches on North East Asian Region**

In order to approach the issues surrounding the foundation of *North East Asian Studies* from wider point of view, our members set up some research groups, acquiring internal and external funding, and pursue unique researches in various areas.

## Research Units

Since the academic year 2013, NEAR Center has employed a "research unit" system as a matrix that promotes joint research projects. There are three units: a "history, culture, and thought" unit, a "politics, economics, and international relation" unit, and a "cross-boundary of northeastern Asia" unit. With this system, we have been making efforts to build a more organic framework for research. We are launching international research unit on documents of Mongolian history this year.

## Other Research Activities

### **Trans-Area Studies on Asia/ Publishing of *Series of Initiative Learning on North-east Asia***

In collaboration with NEAR Center, Graduate School at the University of Shimane can offer a unique doctoral program in "Trans-Area Studies on North East Asia." In order to strengthen our postgraduate education, the researchers at NEAR Center conduct researches, taking into account the conception of the "trans-area". North East Asian World has been formed through various historical developments and wide interactions of people, things, and cultures. Our researchers examine this region in the context of globalization from interdisciplinary

point of view. The achievements of those researches are published as “A Series of Initiative Learning on North-east Asia.”

### **Research on Nishi Amane**

Nishi Amane, who were born in Tsuwano, is a philosopher who contributed to the development of Japanese modernity from the end of Edo period to Meiji era, by bringing in various thoughts from the West and Asia. NEAR Center organizes a research group on his thought, and the outcome has been published in 2005 as 『西周と日本の近代』(ぺりかん社、2005年) (*Nishi Amane and Japanese Modernity* (2005, Pericansha)). Symposia and seminars are held jointly with local residents in Tsuwano in Autumn every year.

## **3. Working with Postgraduate School**

### **■ Research Associate Program at NEAR Center**

Under this program, excellent graduate students at our doctoral course are appointed as Research Associates, and their researches are actively supported by the Center.

Research Associates receive three-year research funding, and the researches carried out under this scheme can get credited toward their degree.

## **4. Partnership with Local Community**

### **■ Citizen Researcher Program at NEAR Center**

The origin of Citizen Researcher Program traces back to the graduate courses called “NEAR College.” The course was established right after the graduate school was founded and its purpose was to break ground on graduate studies. There were a lot of outstanding and experienced human resources who are already in the real world. Because of this, the program was officially launched in 2006 as a part of Good Practice project funded by Ministry of Education (MEXT). In and around Shimane, there are many local residents who are equipped with rich experience and valuable knowledge. In order to stimulate postgraduate students’ research and learning by fully utilizing such resources, NEAR Center invites local residents to register as “citizen researchers”, and to conduct researches jointly with our researchers and postgraduate students. It is a very unique and highly acclaimed program in the country.

### **■ Activities of Citizen Researchers**

#### **General Meeting and Research Forum**

General meetings and research conferences are a place for citizen researchers, NEAR Center researchers, and graduate students to get together and to discuss the management of the program, as well as the plans and ideas for the future activities. It is also designed to be a forum of discuss where the research outcomes of citizen researchers are presented and discussed. Meetings may include presentations by citizen researchers, reports of joint research between citizen researchers and postgraduate students, and group discussion.

## Group Research Salon

The Salon is a gathering where citizen researchers organize their own research groups and conduct joint research, while intensively exchanging information with each other, as well as with NEAR Center researchers and postgraduate students. This has been the core of the Program since the year 2012, and it is expected that creative activities are made possibly by organically linking citizen researchers, NEAR Center, and postgraduate students.

## Joint Research by Citizen Researchers and Postgraduate Students

This is a unique feature of our “Citizen Researcher Program”. Postgraduate students organize their own research groups with citizen researchers and NEAR Center researchers, and some excellent and viable researches are funded by the Center. In the academic year 2013, three joint researches got funded, and research topics from the past two years include the followings.

### Academic Year 2016

- *Comparison in Sorting, Collecting, and Processing Garbage in Urban Areas in China and Japan – Targetting Suzhou, China, Hiroshima and Hamada, Japan.* (Wang Jie jie, First Year Doctoral Student, North East Asian Development Studies; Hua Chun Xiong, Joint Researcher, Professor, Tadashi Okimura.)
- *The Way of Buddhism in Inner Mongolia: Fla Flag Seen in Destruction and Revial. - Economic and Cultural Policy and Reconstruction and Involvement of Buddhist.* (First Year Doctoral Student, North East Asian Development Studies; Ge gerile, Joint Researcher, Hideki Okazaki, Professor, Osamu Inoue.)
- *Media and Its Role in the Multi-Cultural Symbolic Society – Perspectives of Interaction between Ethnic Media and Mass Media, and Local Media of Chinese People in Japan.* (First Year Doctoral Student, North East Asian Development Studies; Li Meng, Joint Researcher, Yoshihito Shibutani, Professor, Takeshi Sato.)

### Academic Year 2017

- *Study on Cohabitation and Symbiosis in Immigration District in China – Referencing Yantai Korean Company District.* (Zuo Xiao qing, First Year Doctoral Student, North East Asian Development Studies; Hatsumi Yuyaguchi and Misato Kono, Joint Researcher, Professor, Yuji Fukuhara.)
- *Study on Possibility of Introducing Policies of New Decommissioned Forest from Willingness of Paying Back to Environment – Fuxin in Keergin..* (Shi Yang, First Year Doctoral Student, North East Asian Development Studies; Hideki Okazaki, Joint Researcher, Professor, Tadashi Okimura.)
- *Survey in Needs of Shaixin between Shanghai and Hamada and Inbound Strategy.* (Mikito Tanaka, First Year Doctoral Student, North East Asian Development Studies; Hatsumi Yuyaguchi, Mitsuko Ohashi, and Tomoko Bando, Joint Researcher, Professor, Osamu Inoue.)

## Publication of Reports

In the academic year 2008, a report, *Two Years of “NEAR Center Citizen Researcher Program”*: 2006-2007 was published, and it was followed by *Report on the Activities of “NEAR Center Citizen Researcher Program”*

2008-2010, which was published in the academic year 2010.

## 5. Creating Databases

### ■ Document Lists on Korean Peninsula

- The Document List of the History of Takeshima/Dokdo
- The Document List of Japan-South Korea Conference
- The Document List of Japan-South Korea Relations(1952-74):  
The Thirteenth Publication

These documents can be viewed and downloaded from the website. See “Library, NEAR Center Library” on the website.

### Digital Library, The Uno Family (<http://near-archive.jp/>)

The aim of this digital library is to publish the 31 rare books out of 74 as “Documents of The Uno” which have never been out to the public view. The old 74 books in Japanese language centered on Shinto relations and they had been transmitted to the Uno Family who had been serving as the chief priest in Beppu, Oki Island, Shimane Prefecture. As to the construction of this digital library, Special Grant, the University of Shimane 2007 for Academic Education Research (Collaborative Research) as well as the Special Grant, the University of Shimane 2008 for Academic Education Research (Collaborative Research) were received.

## 6. External Funding

### ■ Research Projects with External Funding

- LI Xiaodong. *Generation of “Connection” in Chinese Disparity Society – with the Clue of Support the Weak in the Underlying Society.* (Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research: Research B)
- ISHIDA Toru. *Fundamental Research on Translator on the Relationship between Pre-Modern Korea and Japan.* (Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (Research C))
- INOUE Osamu. *Study in Transition of Description Contents of Mongolian Chronicle in 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century.* (Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (“KAKEN C”))
- EGUCHI Shingo. *Conspiracy Democracy and Modernization of Governance of Modern China - On the Restructuring of Authoritarian Regime.* (Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research: Research C)



## Researchers at NEAR Center

**Director** (doubled as a researcher)

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Professor, Graduate School of North East Asia and Development Studies and Faculty of Policy Studies, the University of Shimane. Ph. D. in Politics.

Research Areas: History of Sino-Japanese Relation, History of Political Thought, and Study in Chinese Regions.

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Research Areas: International History, and Area Studies of the Korean Peninsula.

**Assistant Director** (doubled as a researcher)

**ISHIDA Toru**

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Research Areas: History of Japanese Politics, and History in Japanese-Korean Relations.

**Researcher (Japanese alphabetical order)**

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Research Areas: Politics, Contemporary Korean Politics, and Comparative Politics.

**INOUE Atsushi**

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Research Areas: Japanese Intellectual History, Confucianism of East Asia.

**INOUE Osamu**

Professor, Graduate School of North East Asia and Development Studies and Faculty of Policy Studies, the University of Shimane. Ph. D. in Literature. Visiting Researcher, Institute for Central Eurasian History and Culture, Waseda University.

Research Area: History of Mongolia

**EGUCHI Shingo**

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**Visiting Researchers at NEAR Center (as of April 2015) in random order**

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